

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a negative  
electrode active material for nonaqueous electrolyte  
secondary battery, including carbonaceous particles and  
5 a Si phase dispersed in the carbonaceous particles,  
wherein a half width of a diffraction peak of (220)  
plane in powder X-ray diffraction is  $1.5^{\circ}$  or more and  $8^{\circ}$   
or less, and an average size of the Si phase is less  
than 100 nm.